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DONALD L. "ROBBIE" ROBINSON, PH.D., 71, CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER; B.U. POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR

WELLFLEET.—Donald Louis "Robbie" Robinson, Ph.D., 71, a retired congressional staffer and political science professor at Boston University, died in his sleep at his home in Wellfleet, on Tuesday, April 29, 2008.

Robbie is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sara Moore Robinson. He is also survived by his daughter, Moore, his son, Marshall, his daughter-in-law, Jennifer, and his granddaughter, Aila.

Robbie was born in Ottawa, Ill., in 1936. In his youth, he was a talented trumpet player and tap dancer, who won numerous prizes. He received an academic scholarship to Northwestern University, from which he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1958, and a Master of Arts degree in 1959. While at Northwestern, he earned spending money playing trumpet in a dance band, and was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Robbie joined the Navy in the Officer Training Program, and moved to Washington, D.C., where he served in the Office of Naval Intelligence for 3½ years. During his tenure in the Navy, he began a doctoral program in International Relations at American University in Washington, D.C. He left the Navy in 1962 and received his Ph.D. in 1963.

It was at a friend's Sunday brunch, over bagels, where he met his future wife, Sara Moore, a congressional staffer. The two fell in love and were married in 1962. They had two children, a son, Marshall, in 1969, and a daughter, Margaret "Moore," born in 1971.

Dr. Robinson worked as a congressional staffer for 13 years, before retiring on disability in 1976 after being diagnosed with Crohn's disease. He was then hired by Boston University to develop a Washington, D.C., Internship Program, which he ran for 25 years. In addition, he developed internship programs for Case Western Reserve and the University of Houston. He was appointed by President Bill Clinton to be a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. Dr. Robinson and his wife, an attorney, retired together and moved from Washington, D.C., to Wellfleet in 2001.

Robbie was deeply involved with the Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C., first at St. Stephen and the Incarnation, and then at St. Columba's Church, where he was a lay minister. After retirement, he was a lector, lay minister and administrator of the healing rite at St. Mary of the Harbor, Provincetown.

At the time of his death, he was president of the Wellfleet Historical Society, treasurer of the Cape Cod Opera, the only nonsinging member of the board of the Outer Cape Choral, a Freemason and a Shriner. Last year, he and his wife joined dear friends on a guided tour through the Baltic States and Russia.

Robbie loved his family very much, and was delighted to meet his adored first grandchild, Aila, in January. Despite his history of chronic illness, his death came suddenly and unexpectedly, and is a great loss for all who knew him for his indomitable good cheer, his delight of conversation and his sheer enjoyment of life. He will be missed tremendously.

A memorial celebration will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2008, at 3 p.m., at St. Mary of the Harbor in Provincetown.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Wellfleet Historical Society (Please note: Attention Robbie Robinson Fund) at 266 Main St., Wellfleet, MA 02667.

HONORING MAJOR BERNARD WARRINGTON

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend a soldier from my district, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Major Bernard Warrington, Jr., who will be promoted today to lieutenant colonel. Bernard Warrington, Jr., was born in Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands in 1970. He attended public school there and graduated from Central High School in 1988. Since that time, he has distinguished himself as a soldier and a scholar, working his way up in the military, first as an infantry officer in 1992, in the 2nd Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 24th Infantry Division at Ft. Benning, Georgia. While assigned to the 3rd Brigade, he deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Southern Watch.

In 1996, he relocated to Ft. Hood, Texas, where he served with the 1st Cavalry Division Support Command, (DISCOM), as its Plans Officer and Assistant Brigade Operations Officer. He was then reassigned to 615th Aviation Support Battalion (ASB) to command its Headquarters and Supply Company (HSC) and deployed with the 1st Cavalry Division to Bosnia, Herzegovina, in support of Operation Stabilization Forces Four (SPOR4).

Major Warrington then served as the Combat Service Support (CSS) Team Chief for the 348th Training Support Brigade (TSB) Ft. Buchanan, Puerto Rico, responsible for training U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard Forces. He was next assigned within the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) as a G4 Power Projection Logistics Planner and Crisis Action Team member for CENTCOM during Operation Enduring Freedom.

He was deployed in 2003 to meet the 101st Corps Support Group (CSG) in Mosul, Iraq, where he served as its Brigade Operations Planner, Deputy Brigade S3 during Operation Iraqi Freedom I during its reconstitution at Ft. Campbell.

From July 2004 to December 2006, he served as both the Battalion Executive Officer and Support Operations Officer for 8th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, during which time he redeployed in 2005, with the battalion to Tikrit, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom IV.

Since December 2006, Major Warrington has been assigned as a plans officer to HQDA DCS g-3/5/7. He also served as an Army Congressional Associate within the office of Senator CLAIRE G. MCCASKILL. He currently serves on the Army Staff in the Army Transformation Office.

During his time in the military, Major Warrington has earned an associate of arts degree in business administration and military science from Georgia Military College, a bachelor of business administration from Georgia

College and State University, a masters of business administration in industrial operations management from InterAmerican University in Puerto Rico and has graduated from the Command and General Staff College with the Combined Logistics Officer Advance Course and the Infantry Officer Basic Course.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the Army Superior Unit Award Badge, the U.S. Army Staff Badge, the Honorable Order of St. Michael, and the Honorable Order of St. Martin.

Major Warrington is married to the former TaMekii Clark of Conyers, Georgia, and they have two children, Naomi and Claude Nigel.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands and the 110th Congress, I am pleased to recognize the achievements of Bernard Warrington, Jr., as he is promoted from Major to lieutenant colonel and I wish him continued success in his illustrious military career.

HONORING JERRY PRIETO, JR.

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jerry Prieto, Jr. upon being honored with the "Fresno County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award" at the Fresno County Farm Bureau's Annual Banquet to be held on Thursday, May 8, 2008.

Jerry Prieto, Jr. is a native of Corcoran, California. He is the son of a former migrant farm worker and was raised in a small town with a small family. Mr. Prieto attended California State University, Fresno and obtained his Bachelor's of Science degree in Plant Science. In 1974 he began working for the Fresno County Department of Agriculture and six years later he obtained the position of Deputy Agricultural Commissioner. After nine years he went to work for Fresno County Personnel Department as a Senior Personnel Analyst. In 1993, Mr. Prieto was appointed Fresno County Resource Manager. He was responsible for solid waste issues throughout the county and operated the American Avenue Regional Landfill, the Southeast Regional Landfill and the Coalinga Landfill. He was also responsible for providing road maintenance, street lighting, garbage collection, parks, sewer and water services to ninety special districts.

In 1999, Mr. Prieto was appointed to the position of Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weight and Measures exactly twenty-five years after he began working for the department. He was responsible for promoting and regulating the nation's number one agriculture producing area. Mr. Prieto also served as a member of Governor Gray Davis' State Committee on Terrorism and the Western Weights and Measures Association Board